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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Suttle amendment? Seeing none, Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close. She waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AM2138. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Suttle's amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith, you're recognized for a motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I move the advancement of LB 523 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, the...there is an aspect of the bill that I think it would be helpful if we had some legislative history on and, to that end, if Senator Suttle is willing, I would like to have an exchange with her. And I would also invite Senator Landis to listen closely to the exchange because I know he's interested in the question of arbitration. There is a provision in this compact that relates to arbitration. Basically, I'm referring, if you wanted to follow, to the bottom of page 13 of the green copy, line 27, which indicates that the parties...the party states may submit the issues in dispute to an arbitration panel and then it goes on to say that once they do that the decision of the majority of the arbitrators shall be final and binding, and there are some constitutional problems in this state with certain kinds of arbitration proposed to be binding in the sense that the courts do not agree that some of these things can be done. And I'm not versed enough in the entire matter to acquaint you with the details of that law and the constitutional argument. But I do think that, at a minimum, it's important to get clear what our intent is with regard to that paragraph beginning on line 27, page 13, so that at least the compact has